

youthrepresent

JUSTICE FROM COURTROOM TO COMMUNITY

2023 CHEERS TO JUSTICE! VIRTUAL WINE FUNDRAISER



ABOUT YOUTH REPRESENT



Mission & Vision

We envision a world where the racist legal system has been dismantled, and Black, Latiné, Indigenous, and other youth of color have the freedom and power to live their full lives. We use legal services, policy advocacy, peer education, and other tools to build power and opportunity for Black, Latiné, and other youth of color who the criminal legal system and other systems of oppression harm the most.

Who We Serve

Historically, Black and Latiné New York youth are twice as likely to live in poverty compared to their white counterparts and at the same time are disproportionately targeted by the criminal legal system. We are deliberate in serving Black, Latiné, Indigenous, and youth of color, ages 26 & under, throughout New York who otherwise would not have access to legal services.

EVENT DETAILS

DATE: MAY 18, 2023

TIME: 6PM EST

PLACE: Virtual - link sent upon RSVP



ABOUT ANDRÉ MACK



Despite having a successful career with Citicorp Investment Services, André Mack decided to leave his “desk job” to pursue his passion for wine. While working as a sommelier in San Antonio, Mack discovered the joys of introducing guests to the little-known vineyards that first attracted him to the business and “the instant gratification of a guest’s reaction.”

While still in Texas, Mack was awarded the prestigious title of Best Young Sommelier in America by the highly regarded Chaine des Rotisseurs. This recognition led to a job as a sommelier at

Thomas Keller’s world-renowned French Laundry in Yountville, California. Mack went on to accept the position of Head Sommelier at Keller’s Per Se in New York City, where he managed an 1800-selection award-winning wine list and consulted regularly with Chef Keller on menu and pairing development. Winemaking had always been a dream of his and came to fruition in 2007 when he founded Maison Noir Wines. His wines are unique and distinctive garage wines, which source the best fruit possible in the Willamette Valley region of Oregon to produce wines showing the individuality of their sites and terroirs. In 2020, Mack and Maison Noir Wines were a semifinalist for a James Beard Award as an “Outstanding Wine, Spirits, or Beer Producer.”

Mack has been married since 2008 to author Phoebe Damrosch. Their boutique wine shop, VyneYard, provides a selection of wines proudly curated by André that offers character at all price points. Mack has been featured in major publications such as Food and Wine, Wine and Spirits Magazine, New York Times, The Huffington Post, and The Wall Street Journal and nominated as “Innovator of the Year” by Wine Enthusiast for their 21st Annual Wine Star Awards.

He is an ardent wine educator who has been invited to host seminars as well as lead panel discussions at some of the most prestigious food and wine gatherings. As one of the top professionals in the industry, he has worked with Amazon, Cadillac, Ebay, and has appeared on Anthony Bourdain's “The Taste” and NBC’s “Uncorked”. Since early 2021, Mack has been featured on Bon Appétit’s YouTube Channel. He provides an education for newcomers to wine and established winos alike on “World Of Wine with André Mack,”. Mack also hosts “Through the Grapevine” where he interviews celebrities while also quizzing them on their wine chops.



IMPACT OF FUNDING

Your support to our Cheers to Justice Wine Fundraiser will increase our ability to offer our robust programming to better serve youth across New York. Youth Represent employs a multi-disciplinary approach to serving youth which includes three primary pillars: Direct Legal Services, Impact Litigation, and Policy Reform & Organizing.

Direct Legal Services:

- Our Community-Lawyering Model partners with community organizations and combines direct legal representation, Know Your Rights workshops, and technical assistance. Our legal representation targets employment discrimination, eviction, school suspension, summonses, and other criminal and civil legal issues.
- In 2020, we piloted a powerful youth leadership training model, Train the Trainer, where young people become trainers themselves and leaders in peer education on legal issues that both directly and indirectly impact them and their community. Young people understand best what legal information will be the most useful to other young people, and how to communicate that information clearly.

Impact Litigation

- Through our Strategic Litigation practice, we advance strategic class and individual plaintiff litigation against employers who discriminate against clients based on criminal histories and race. To date, our work has changed unfair hiring practices for numerous employers and secured \$8M in settlements on behalf of 24,000 class members.

Policy Reform & Organizing

- Youth Represent uses legislative advocacy to decrease the criminalization and incarceration of Black and Latine youth in NYC. We advance a systemic reform agenda that reduces the number of young people entering the legal system and expands opportunities and protections for those who have been through it. Our goal is to build the movement for youth justice by deeply involving young people in every aspect of the campaign, from strategic decision-making on the steering committee, to developing social media and other communications, to leading meetings with elected officials.
- Our City Dreamers Advocacy Camp trains justice-involved young people to be advocates in their own right. We then connect young people with speaking engagements and advocacy opportunities as part of larger reform efforts, and provide ongoing support and training.

SPONSOR LEVELS



Vintner - \$10,000

- 8 tickets to live virtual tasting
- 4 bottle package
- Logo or name listing on the event website
- Verbal recognition during the event
- Inclusion in the digital e-reception program
- Dedicated shout-out on social media posts



Premier - \$5,000

- 6 tickets to live virtual tasting
- 3 bottle package
- Logo or name listing on the event website
- Verbal recognition during the event
- Inclusion in the digital e-reception program
- Dedicated shout-out on social media posts



Reserve - \$2,500

- 4 tickets to live virtual tasting
- 2 Bottle package
- Logo or name listing on the event website
- Inclusion in the digital e-reception program
- Dedicated shout-out on social media posts



Vintage - \$1,500

- 2 tickets to live virtual tasting
- 2 Bottle package
- Logo or name listing on the event website

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